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Applicant(s): PARTHASARATHY et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1743  
Serial No.: 10/027,226 ) Examiner: Dwayne K. Handy  
Confirmation No.: 9039 )  
Filed: December 20, 2001 )  
For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR REMOVAL OF ORGANIC MOLECULES  
FROM BIOLOGICAL MIXTURES USING A HYDROPHILIC SOLID  
SUPPORT IN A HYDROPHOBIC MATRIX

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on the page entitled "Amendments to the Specification."

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on the page entitled "Amendments to the Claims."